Principal’s Update

Dear Families and Community Members,

School Production

It is an exciting week for the College with the staging of this year’s School Production “Singin in the Rain” at the Shirley Burke theatre in Parkdale. On Monday we put on a special matinee performance in the school hall to our local schools with Aspendale Primary School, Mordialloc Primary School and Yarrabah enjoying the show. My sincere thanks go to Ms Shmerling, our Production Co-ordinator, for all of her hard work in putting the show together, assisted by a wonderful and dedicated team of teachers in a variety of roles. It is marvellous to see the involvement of a number of former students, highlighting the true sense of community that prevails within our College. I congratulate the dedicated group of students whether in the cast, crew or band for their commitment throughout the year in preparing for this performance week. I am sure everyone will enjoy the show. It was fantastic to see the College on the front page of the local paper last week, with the headline “It’s Raining Talent”!

2013 ICAS Science Competition Results

Thanks to Miss Trumble who organised the Year 7-10 SEAL classes to enter the ICAS Science competition. We achieved some excellent results. Students will be presented with their certificates at the next Middle School assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

High Distinction: Year 7: Sabrina Berg

Year 8: Fabio Jaconelli

Year 9: Julian Day

Important Dates

Monday 5 to Friday 9 August
- Humanities Week
- Year 11-12 Berthe Mouchette Incursion

Wednesday 7 August
- Year 10 Camp Parent Information Evening (7pm in the Hub)
- VCAL Sydney Camp Information Evening (6.15 in the Hub)

Thursday 8 August
- Year 8 ‘Bounce’ Excursion
- Monday 12 to Thursday 15 August
- Science Week
- Monday 12 August
- Year 7 French Music Incursion
- Year 12 Physics Excursion to Synchotron

Wednesday 14 August
- Year 9 SEAL Excursion ‘Mission to Mars’ at Strathmore SC

Distinction:
Year 7: Harry Campbell, Garry Gabell, Dante Katsanis, Kyle Kovacs, Angus Macpherson
Year 8: Nilla Kumaran, Bodie Longstaff, Finn McHenry

Credit:
Year 7: Alex Bailey, Mikayla Begent, Naena Good-Jackson, Indiana Jennings, Monet Jones, Tessa Love, Kyle Wilkes, Sophie Spurgeon, Narut Sirachantakanokorn
Year 8: Laird Ahyee-McKinney, Cameron Bateman, Hannah Blavo, Jeremy Cullen, Robert Deacon, Nhial Garang, Imogen Kane, Callum Norrie, Sophie Petropoulos

(cont’d overleaf)
Year 9:
Shandi McCormick, Chloe Spurgeon, Jesse Webster
Year 10:
Odin Wong (only one of six students to sit it as it was during exam week).

Astrophysics Year 10
This semester, 14 Year 10 students selected Astrophysics as one of their elective choices. This option is being made available through the NBN Virtual School of emerging sciences. Students remain onsite at Mordialloc College and through video conferencing facilities in our Discovery Centre connect in real time to teachers in the NVSES studio at the John Monash Science School with other students from across Australia. It is an exciting opportunity for students to become active participants in cutting edge emerging sciences, learning from leading experts and to apply their understanding to real world problems.

Parent Survey 2013
The use of opinion data to monitor school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be. Annual and anonymous opinion surveys for staff, children and parents are conducted and the information gained is used to drive school improvements and shape the future direction of the College. Over the next two weeks it is the parents turn to tell us what they think. Randomly selected families will receive a parent opinion survey in the mail and we ask that these families please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the College General Office by Friday, 9 August. In anticipation, I thank you for your time and considered responses.

Please note all returned surveys go into a draw for Gold Class movie tickets!!

Ms Michelle Roberts, Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance
EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. The second instalment of the EMA is due to be paid during August/September. Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another application. Parent applications close 2 August 2013.

Head Lice
The presence of head lice in school students is a common occurrence. It is unrelated to hygiene and should not carry any stigma. There has been a report of a lice outbreak at the school. Please check your child’s hair for evidence. If discovered please undertake treatment. Your child can return to school after treatment has been commenced. For further information visit the website called Scratching for Answers – obtainable from http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/

French News
~ Le Concours Berthe Mouchette ~
Poetry Competition and Written Tests

We would like to congratulate and thank every student who participated in this competition. Keep up with your language learning journey everyone! Here are some of our best achievers for 2013

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All our finalists were invited to take part in their category for the next level. Unfortunately due to other extra-curricular activities and family commitments on the weekends, only Rhys Cartledge could make it. Well done for your great effort and for representing Mordialloc College, Rhys! Please note that on Tuesday, 6 August it is the turn of the VCE students to participate. Let’s wish them all the best. Good luck senior students.

French Incursion: «C’est si bon!»
On Monday, 12 August, the Year 7 students will be involved in an incursion at the school. Phil Caroll will be the presenter of the show “C’est si bon!” – Hope the students will enjoy!

Ms B Peerbux & Ms B Amesbury
HELP OUR STUDENT WRITERS RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

The Book in A Day competition is an Australia wide writing marathon where teams work to write children’s books in 12 hours and to raise funds for Children’s Hospitals in each Australian State. A copy of each finished book is donated to the hospital library.

This year Mordialloc College has entered 2 teams and we would love your sponsorship! Teams need to raise at least 250 dollars each to be judged in the competition. 100% of the funds raised will go to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

The Year 8 and Year 9 teams have been meeting weekly to build team work and writing skills in readiness for the competition on the 20th August. Our teams will be emailed a random setting, two human characters, a non-human character, an issue and five random words at 8.00am on the day. They then have until 8.00pm to write and illustrate a book!

This is an exciting project that raises funds for a great cause. We hope the community will get behind our writers!

If you are interested in sponsoring our Book in a Day teams please phone the general office on 9580 1184.

Ms Jenny Connolly
Inclusive Education - All Students Learning Together

Inclusive education is the full inclusion of students regardless of race, religion, gender, attitude, or disability with their peers at their local neighbourhood school. Successful inclusive practices allow for a fully inclusive curriculum, flexible learning environments, flexible curricula and a focus on high expectations for EVERY student. It projects prescriptive teaching and remedial approaches that lead to lower achievement and segregated teaching. It is about identifying problems with the system and fixing them to accommodate individual differences. It is NOT about finding problems within students.

InclusiveED aims at upholding the above principles of inclusive education and providing consultancy services to assist parents in including their children into regular schools.

Whole New World

Parenting and particularly nighttime diarying can strike fear into the hearts of any parent. Drugs, alcohol and binge drinking are scary topics to talk to our children about – so how do you do it in a way that doesn’t make your kids say “whatever, Mum – what would you know?”

Attitudes: What your world needs owners:

• The includes in parenting
• Main parents can be involved in making sure our children party safely
• Bags
• Alcohol
• Safe parties at home
• Sharing information up to date – Resources for further information

Comments from 2012 attendees.

• “It was refreshing to hear other parents in the same situation as in their schools. It was also helpful to hear from other students and their parents.”

• “An inspiring conference, two valuable days.”

• “I found the event well organized and the session held by professional cars and other organisations.”

• “Tremendous! Well organized. The information we use to make comments and ask questions.”

How to get there

Conference Venue – Rainbow Room, Melbourne Zoo, Elliot Ave, Parkville
Parking – Meter parking outside zoo $2 per 5 hours or pre-paid permit $8
All day must be ordered by 5th August
Train – Take Yarra Bend Drive to Royal Park station.
Train – Row 55 Tram from William St (Stop 25) or Row 19 Tram from Elizabeth St (Stop 16)
The Zoo opens at 9am.

Please note the zoo is a non-smoking venue

Parents Victoria

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Next meeting: August 7th, 2013

Moria Training Room
920 Nepean Hwy, Hampton East
(Opposite Moorabbin rail station)
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Come and meet parents that understand and learn about
Being twice-exceptional, the fun and the games!